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NORTHERN CARDINAL HEAD ATTACHED TO THE TOE OF A SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

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On 16 May 1986 while using mist nets to capture and band migrant hawks at Whitefish Point, Chippewa County, Michigan, we captured an immature male Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) with the head of a Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) attached to its left hallux (hind toe). The cardinal had apparently clamped its beak tightly on the hawk's toe. Both the head and toe broke off together when we untangled the hawk. The head was very necrotid and evidently had been attached to the hawk's toe for a considerable length of time.

The hawk was in average condition (wt = 101.2 g). Average weight of 184 immature male Sharp-shinned Hawks we banded at Whitefish Point during the springs of 1985–87 was 100.2 g (range = 75.7–125.9 g; Carpenter

and Carpenter, pers. obs.). Unusual injuries have been previously reported for the Sharp-shinned (Kelley and Kelley, *Wilson Bull.* 81:209–210, 1969; Evans, *Auk* 94: 585–586, 1977) but none of the type just described.

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